(c) by when the results of the survey are expected to be received?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAY (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The updating of the traffic survey for the project is in hand.

(c) The Survey report is expected to be available by the end of December, 1997.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

"मत्स्य कृषक विकास अभिकरण योजना" संबंधी व्यय में हिस्सा बटाना

2099. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरीः** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राज्य सरकारों द्वारा चलायी जा रही "मत्स्य कृषक विकास अभिकरण योजना" के अंतर्गत सभी मदों पर किए जाने वाले कुल व्यय का 50 प्रतिशत भाग सरकार वहन नहीं कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां,तो इसके क्या कारण है?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चुतरानन मिश्र): (क) और (ख) राज्यों द्वारा मत्स्य कृषक विकास अभिकरण के माध्यम से ताजा जल में मत्स्य कृषि के विकास की केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजना क्रियान्वित की जा रही है। योजना के तहत, भारत सरकार और राज्य सरकारों द्वारा नए तालाबों के निर्माण, तालाबों व टैंकों का नवीकरण, प्रथम वर्ष के आदान (मत्स्य बीज, उनका भोजन, उर्वरक, खाद आदि), बहते जल में मत्स्य कृषि, वातकों, समेकित मछली पालन, डिम्ब हैचरियों, मछली के भोजन के कारखाने, बढ़ते स्टाफ के वेतन, वाहन की लागत, मछली पालकों को प्रशिक्षण आदि जैसे सभी विकास संबंधी क्रियाकलापों का व्यय 50:50 के आधार पर वहन किया जाता है। भारत सरकार का यह निर्णय है कि इसे केवल विकास संबंधी लागत को ही वहन करना चाहिए। अतः यह बेस स्टाफ के वेतन, वाहनों के रखरखाव और कार्यालय की आकस्मिक जरूरतों पर होने वाले खर्च के 50 प्रतिशत हिस्से को पूरा नहीं करता है।

Losses faced by Tobacco Farmers due to Cyclone in Andhra Pradesh

2100. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will help tobacco farmers to recoup their losses in West Godavari, Guntur and East Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh due to cyclone;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a virtual shortage of tobacco seedlings in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, has prepared any crash plan for supply of tobacco seedlings to the farmers on a one-time basis; and

(d) the steps proposed to supply quality tobacco seedlings to farmers through CTRI in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) An amount of Rs. 93.14 crores has been released during 1996-97 as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities. In addition Rs. 142.00 crores has been released from the National Fund for Calamity Relief for relief measures in various sectors including agriculture in the wake of the cyclones of October-November, 1996. Besides, the Tobacco Board in the Ministry of Commerce has also sanctioned Rs. 37.35 lakhs to provide subsidy to scheduled Caste/Tribe, small & marginal farmers whose tobacco crop & barns were damaged during the cyclone of November, 1996 to recoup part of their losses in the districts of East Godavari & West Godavari along with the farmers who suffered losses in other districts.

(b) There is no shortage of tobacco seedlings in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) As per the mandate of Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), the Institute is supplying pure seeds of the recommended tobacco varieties and is meeting the demand and requirements of the farmers as well as commercial nursery growers. The supply of seedlings is free of cost to Seed Producing Farmers with an understanding to collect the pure seed from those fields. CTRI has also supplied tobacco seedlings to the farmers on cost basis after meeting the requirements of Seed Producing farmers. The demand and requirements of Seed Producing farmers. The demand and requirements have been met fully. The CTRI directs its scientists through its various extension activities to advise farmers and commercial nursery growers to produce quality seedlings. This is a continuous process and an approved activity of the CTRI.

Reclassification of Posts of Senior and Junior Hindi Translators in the ICAR

2101. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 170th Governing Body Meeting of ICAR approved reclassification of posts of Senior Hindi Translator/Hindi Translator/Junior Hindi Translator as 'Technical';

(b) whether it is also a fact that the President of ICAR Society had given his consent for implementation of decisions of the said Governing Body in respect of all items;

(c) whether in the implementation order dated 20th August, 1996, the said posts were missing;

(d) if so, the reasons for such omission and under whose authority the same was done; and

(e) the steps taken to implement the original decision of the Governing Body in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The orders for re-classification of Sr. Hindi Translator/Hindi Translator/ Jr.Hindi Translator into Technical category have been issued.

(e) No further action is required as orders have already been issued.

Conference of Agriculture Ministers

2102. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had recently inauguarated a conference in New Delhi which was attended by the Agriculture Ministers of all the States;

(b) if so, the issues discussed in the conference; and

(c) the decisions taken on the minimum programme of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) A Conference of State Agriculture Ministers was held at New Delhi on 19th February, 1997 to consider agricultural policy and related matters. The Prime Minister inaugurated the Conference.

(c) The Common Minimum Programme of the Government has already been finalised. The Conference was requested to give suggestions on abolition of regulations/controls which are in the way of increasing farmers incomes as well as on other aspects of Common Minimum Programme.

Communication facility to fiushermen regarding Cyclone

2103. SHRI O.S. MANIAN:
SHRI R. MAR GABANDU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to provide walkie-talkie sets to fishermen to forewarn them about impending cyclone; and